

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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2. The vectors of claim 1, wherein each arm further comprises a rare restriction endonuclease recognition sit.

3. The vectors of claim 1, wherein each arm further comprises a polylinker.

4. The vectors of claim 1, wherein said first cyclization element is a nucleic acid comprising a first LOX site, and said second cyclization element is a nucleic acid comprising a second LOX site.

5. The vectors of claim 1 wherein:

- the first arm further comprises a first nucleic acid homologous to the 5' terminus of a target nucleic acid; and
- the second arm further comprises a second nucleic acid homologous to the 3' terminus of the target nucleic acid.

*SUB B2)* 6. A composition comprising said vectors of claim 1 and a target sequence. --

REMARKS

The Examiner identified four groups of claims:

- Claims 1-13, 20-22 and 27-32 directed to a cloning system;
- Claims 14-19, 23-26, 33 and 34 directed to vectors;
- Claims 35-43 drawn to a method of producing a vector; and
- Claims 44-47 drawn to a method of producing a recombinant DNA.